

# Shout The News

Cedar Valley-Nauvoo Mission Center  
December 2025 Gaelane Rosinski, Editor



## Gabriel Speaks to Mary

<sup>26</sup> Six months after Elizabeth knew she was to become a mother, Gabriel was sent from God to Nazareth. Nazareth was a town in the country of Galilee. <sup>27</sup> He went to a woman who had never had a man. Her name was Mary. She was promised in marriage to a man named Joseph. Joseph was of the family of David. <sup>28</sup> The angel came to her and said, “You are honored very much. You are a favored woman. The Lord is with you. \*You are chosen from among many women.”

<sup>29</sup> When she saw the angel, she was troubled at his words. She thought about what had been said. <sup>30</sup> The angel said to her, “Mary, do not be afraid. You have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> See! You are to become a mother and have a Son. You are to give Him the name Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great. He will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give Him the place where His early father David sat. <sup>33</sup> He will be King over the family of Jacob forever and His nation will have no end.”

<sup>34</sup> Mary said to the angel, “How will this happen? I have never had a man.” <sup>35</sup> The angel said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come on you. The power of the Most High will cover you. The holy Child you give birth to will be called the Son of God.”

**AROUND THE MISSION CENTER  
GALESBURG**

**ADVENT SERIES INVITATION FROM GALESBURG**

Join us for a unique and uplifting Advent sermon series celebrating the miracle of Jesus, the Word made flesh!

Each week builds on the last, as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ.

Sundays @ 11:00 AM: Nov 30 • Dec 7 • Dec 14 • Dec 21

All are welcome!

For more information contact Angela King, Co-Pastor,  
at [salongirl97@yahoo.com](mailto:salongirl97@yahoo.com) or 309-335-0343.

Let's get excited - Jesus is on the way!



## AROUND THE MISSION CENTER

### **Advent and Christmas Worship Resources Available**

**Looking for ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS Worship Resources? Click the link below to be taken to the 2025 Worship Resources for November 30 thru December 25 on the Community of Christ Gathering Resources website.**

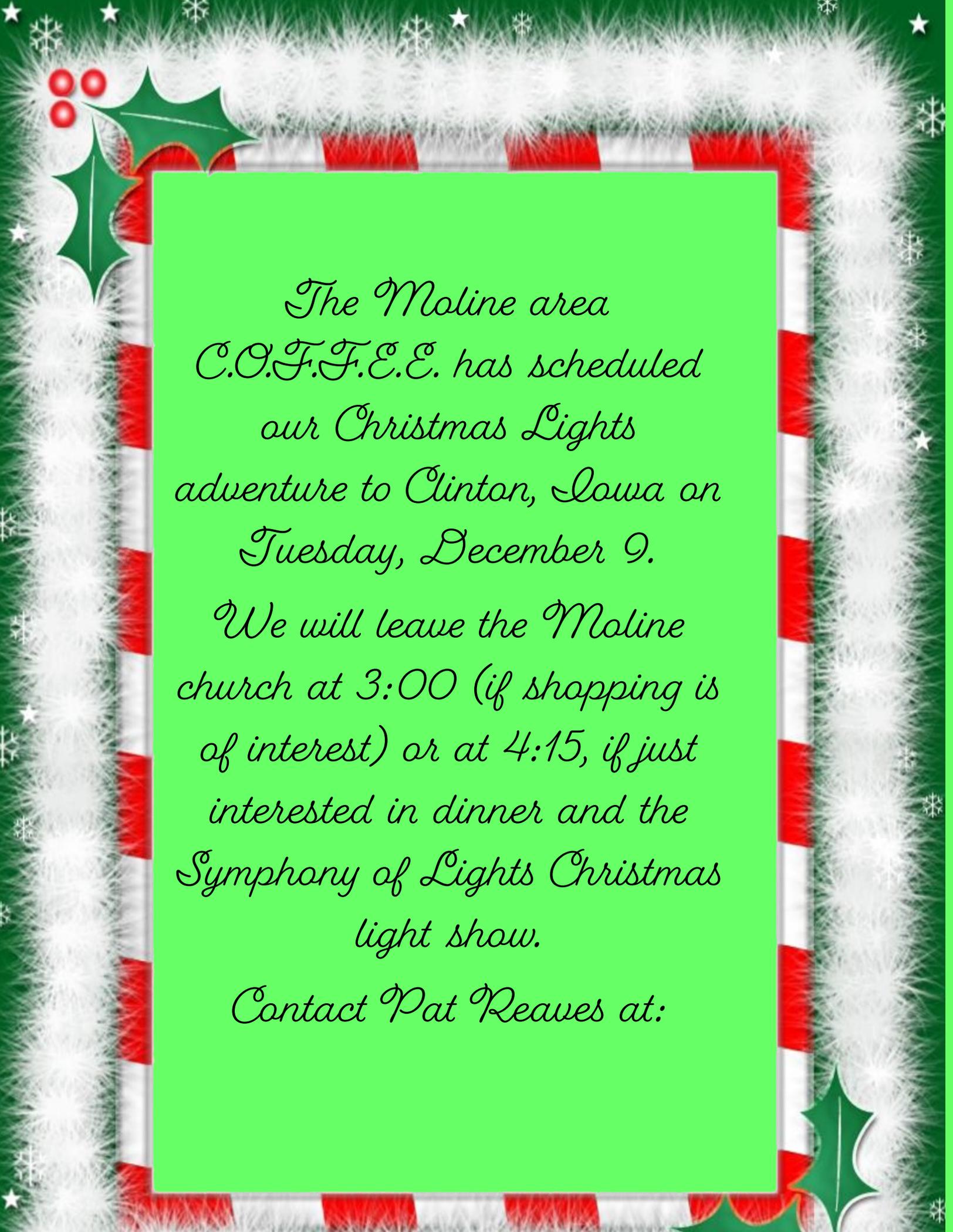
[\*Read on our website »\*](#)



### **CARTHAGE CONGREGATION CELEBRATION**

Carthage will be celebrating with the Western Illinois Regional Council - Community Action Agency's Project Santa on December 13. This program provides Christmas to over 700 children in 5 western Illinois counties. We provide the space for families in Hancock County to receive their children's gifts. We've been doing this for over 20 years.

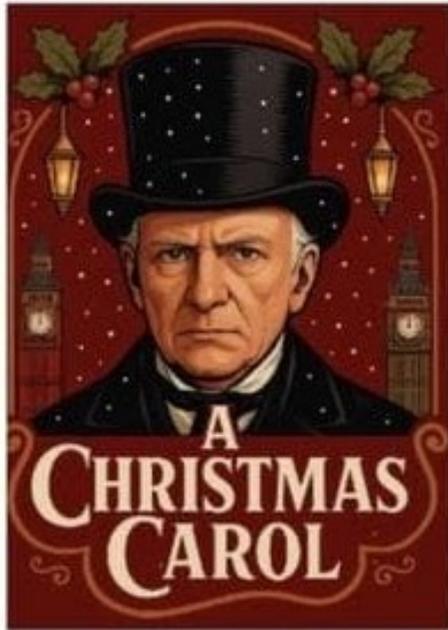
The congregation is having a luncheon holiday meal and Christmas caroling on December 8th at Ron and Nora Howell's home.



*The Moline area  
C.O.F.F.E.E. has scheduled  
our Christmas Lights  
adventure to Clinton, Iowa on  
Tuesday, December 9.*

*We will leave the Moline  
church at 3:00 (if shopping is  
of interest) or at 4:15, if just  
interested in dinner and the  
Symphony of Lights Christmas  
light show.*

*Contact Pat Reaves at:*



**The Nauvoo Arts Council**

Proudly Presents

***A Christmas Carol***

Musical Play

**WHEN:** Dec. 5th at 7:00 pm

Dec 6th at 2:00 pm

**WHERE:** Camp Nauvoo Lodge

1095 S. Warsaw St., Nauvoo



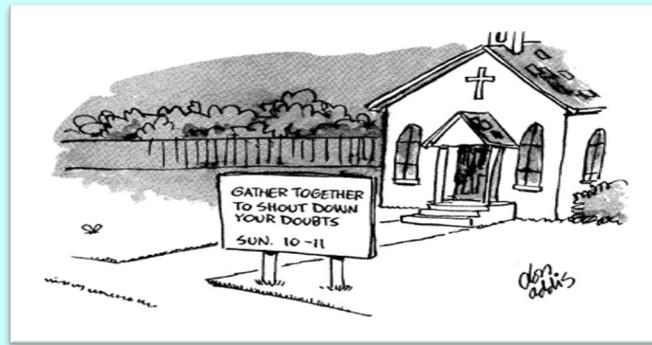
Tickets: \$10 for adults  
\$5 for children



For more info call 208-587-3030



## AROUND THE MISSION CENTER PEKIN



**The Pekin congregation is closing its doors at the end of December 2025 and would like to invite everyone to come and join us in worship and Life Celebration on Sunday, December 14, 2025, beginning at 11:00 am. Deb Luce will be our guest speaker.**

**We will be having lunch in the lower level as we continue to share. Please come and join us on that day. Bring a memory, a story, or pictures to share.**

**(We have a chair lift for those who have difficulty navigating stairs.)**

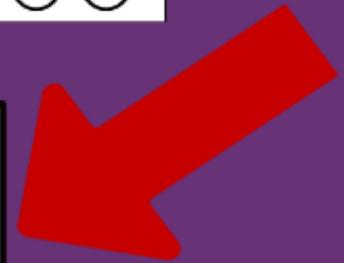
**Please let us know you are coming so we prepare for lunch.**

**Contact: Myra Elliott, text or leave a message at 309 361 6372, or email: [myraelliott@me.com](mailto:myraelliott@me.com).**

**Church address:  
1603 Market St.  
Pekin, IL 61554**

COMMUNITY OF CHRIST NEW WEBSITE  
GATHERING RESOURCES

**Community of Christ is launching a new website** for “Gathering” resources. “Gathering” refers to a variety of ways we gather: Sunday morning worship, small group activities, children & youth activities, and much more. Take a look using the button below!



**Beginning with Advent (Nov. 30, 2025), worship planning materials will be found on [www.gathering.cofchrist.org](http://www.gathering.cofchrist.org)**



[Click here to visit the Gathering Resources website](http://www.gathering.cofchrist.org)

PRAIRIE BLUFFS & LAMONI  
HEARTLAND MISSION  
CENTERS PRESENT:

# POST - SECONDARY RETREAT

FOR YOUNG ADULTS AGE 18-25ish

**January 2-4, 2026**

**Guthrie Grove Retreat Center**

**Theme:**

***Blessings of Community***



**Guest Ministry by  
Community of Christ  
President,  
Stassi Cramm**

## Post-Secondary Retreat 2026 – “Blessings of Community”

**Dates:** January 2-4, 2026 (Arrive at 7PM on Friday and leave at 11AM on Sunday)

**Ages:** **Must be graduated from High School** (18-25 years old)

**Directors:** Melissa Sherer – [melissasherer2@gmail.com](mailto:melissasherer2@gmail.com), Dale Ward – [daleward411@gmail.com](mailto:daleward411@gmail.com), Noel Sherer – [nsherer@prairiebluffs.org](mailto:nsherer@prairiebluffs.org)

Come CHILL ON THE HILL with friends! Guthrie Grove is a special place with lots of memories from youth camps – but it is the people that make gathering on the Hill so special. Come and start the year off right – with a relaxed time together to refresh and reconnect with a caring community.

Take a break from the hustle and join us to learn more about the ***Blessings of Community***, a retreat designed just for post-secondary young adults seeking a life in harmony. Together, we'll enjoy some laid-back time with friends, filled with fellowship, fun, and a chance to recharge. Expect games, pizza, and campfires. **We are SUPER EXCITED TO HAVE COMMUNITY OF CHRIST PRESIDENT STASSI CRAMM as guest ministry.** Grab your spot, bring your friends, and get ready to experience the *Blessings of Community* with us!

Let's start the New Year off right! Looking forward to seeing you soon!

**ALL are invited! Fees will be provided by the  
“Followers of the Way” congregation !**

**Contact Gaelane Rosinski for more information & to register.**

**Email: [grosinski1125@gmail.com](mailto:grosinski1125@gmail.com)**

## TUESDAY MORNING TALKS

Hi all, for several months a group of folks have been meeting for prayer and discussion. You are invited to this time of prayer for the needs of the mission center and perhaps your congregation. We will not be spending time talking about camps or reunions, but about how God can help the MC pull together; to not be divided or pit one group against another. We may have our differences, and that's OK. But, this is a time to be united in our desire to make all parts of the mission center a spiritual place for peace to reign, to experiment on God's word.

Here are some of the things that I thought of and you are welcome to bring any others.

How can we help small congregations survive? How can we learn to step out of our comfort zone to reach the communities around us? Who will be our MC leadership next year? How can we learn to work together better? What is it you want us to do, Lord?

We hope to see you next Tuesday ~

Evelyn Dustin

[djdustin2@gmail.com](mailto:djdustin2@gmail.com)

We will meet by zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/164233897?pwd=eHg4SXRPWHowYXRVOCSyL0czTTJWZz09>





# *QC Connection Gives Thanks*

***QC Connection would like to thank everyone & any congregation that donated to our food pantry. There was a 4 week period that we had record breaking numbers & your generosity was much appreciated. We were able to help those that were going through tough times. We wish all of you a blessed holiday season & pray everyone stays safe & warm during the cold weather season***

***Bless all of you, the QC Connection congregation***

*All are Invited !!*



***Quad City Connection will have a Christmas Eve service  
December 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.***

***It will be a time of celebration, prayer, and testimonies.***

***All are welcome.***

## AROUND THE MISSION CENTER – THINKING OF YOU & PRAYER REQUESTS

### MUSCATINE

Kim Albright  
Anna Comstock  
Laura Comstock  
Bryce Grimm  
Shirley Herlein

### IOWA CITY

Sue Wakefield &  
Maddie Otis—both have  
broken wrists!



### MOLINE

Amy & her kids, Andrea and Tom, Janeice Bolle, Wanda Bradberry, Carolyn, *Mike Cleary\**, Donna Coulter, Angie Crawford, Christa Decker, Doc, *Hazel & Henry Erb\**, Hugh Ferguson, *Leanna Foss\**, Peter Galbraith, Roger & Joyce Haggard, Ellen Haring, *Valerie Hesse\**, *Rick Inskip\**, Charlotte Jensen, Eric Jensen, *Leslie Jensen\**, Heather Jordan, Julia, Sharon Landa, Keith Lane, Lori Lindburg, Mary Mathias, Bonnie McKnight, Mission Center, *Christopher Mitchell\**, Cathy Morgan, Our country, Karen Ourth, Brian Peters, Dave Peterson, Kurt Reaves, Kevin Roberts, Billy Schilling, Rosemary Shannon, Viki, Deb Wiles, Evelyn Wink

\*\*\*A separate listing has been created for those with long-term health issues: Wanda Bradbury, Dani Colone, Tex Eutsler, Paula Haynes, Rogelio Jaramillo, Trevor Kraklow, Brenda Mitchell, Dana Nuckols, Christina Ramirez, Chris Rosinski, Jan Sanders, Marcus Scott, Michael Solis, Luci Woodin

### Our Mission Prayer:

"God, where will your Spirit lead today? Help me be fully awake and ready to respond. Grant me courage to risk something new and become a blessing of your love and peace. Amen"

## IN REMEMBRANCE



Charles L. (“Charlie” or “Chuck”) Burgess of Woodstock, IL passed away in the early morning hours of Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at SSM Health Monroe, WI Hospital, after a brief illness related to cancer complications.

Per Charles’s wishes, there will be no funeral services. He chose cremation and requested that his ashes be spread at his favorite childhood fishing hole near the Burgess homestead in southern Illinois. A Celebration of Life to fulfill his final wishes will be held Saturday July 25, 2026, at Sam Dale Lake in Johnsonville, IL.

*Rest  
in  
Peace*



# MISSION CENTER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

## IOWA CITY BIRTHDAYS

2 Emma Hartman    29 Karol Krotz  
8 Becky Ertle      39 Heather Otis  
9 Susan Kinzer  
19 Tyron Meierotto  
22 Doralee Schroder  
22 Fred Norberg

## CEDAR RAPIDS BIRTHDAYS

4 Shannon Morgan  
5 Izabella MacCormick  
6 Rod Lawing  
8 Grant Tucker  
12 Kim Smith  
15 Andrew Webber  
21 Lynn Richards



## CARTHAGE BIRTHDAYS

3 Cindy Smith  
13 Ronald Howell

## QC CONNECTION

10 Dennis LaRoque  
11 Patrick Gelande

## MOLINE BIRTHDAYS

3 Bennett Davis  
5 Pam Tisdale  
7 Chloe Reaves  
7 Mandy Douglas  
17 Tex Eusler  
28 Beck Reaves

## MOLINE ANNIVERSARIES

18 Kevin and Valeree Pieper  
31 Larry & Leigh Sheppard

## MUSCATINE BIRTHDAYS

5 Ben Belnap  
5 Lucene Wykert  
9 Justin Heuer  
11 Matt Albright  
12 Matt Evans  
16 Traye Brown  
18 Beth Lanfier  
23 Beth Shariff  
26 Jeff Belnap  
29 Barb Peak

## BURLINGTON BIRTHDAYS

17 Kelly Fry  
18 Jana Terrell





WE WISH  
YOU A

# Merry Christmas

AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

